

Council on Postsecondary Education
July 22, 2002

GED Fee Waiver Extension

Action: The staff recommends that the council extend the deadline for the GED fee waiver program to June 30, 2003.

At its November 2001 meeting, the council allocated \$350,000 to waive the \$30 GED test fee. The fee waiver expired June 30, 2002. More than \$200,000 is still available due to a two-month delay in the receiving and processing of the new tests from the General Educational Development Testing Service of the American Council on Education.

Adult education providers support the fee waiver and ask for its continuance. The purpose is to encourage more Kentuckians to take the new GED tests, which became effective January 1, 2002. The benefits of the waiver include:

- Marketing of the new GED tests.
- Recruitment tool for county learning centers for pre-GED testing.
- Removal of testing fee barrier.
- The potential for more Kentuckians to earn their GED and pursue postsecondary education.

No additional funds are requested. The “Go Higher” campaign will publicize the fee waiver extension.